



Acton Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

July 20, 2022

7:15 PM

Hybrid Meeting

Present: Jim Colman, Amy Green (Zoom), Zywia Chadzynska, Peter Hocknell
Conservation Agent and recording secretary: Mike Gendron
Zoom Host: Kim Clark (Zoom)

Regular Business

7:20 The vice chairman Jim Colman opened the meeting and read the Virtual Meeting guidelines. Jim announced that the public hearing for the NOIs for 225 Newtown Road and Heath Hen Meadows Boardwalk will be continued to August 3rd, 2022.

7:22 **Amended Order of Conditions: 96 Newtown Road; DEP 85-1273**

Jim Coleman opened the hearing at 7:22PM.

Presenting for the applicant was Seth Donohoe from Dillis & Roy. Seth was requesting that a headwall originally planned at an existing culvert be omitted from the final project. He explained that throughout the project it became clear that the headwall was unnecessary and would cause unwarranted disruption to the wetland. Seth also noted that Amy Green and Mike Gendron visited the site on July 8th. Amy noted that she observed the culvert on both ends of the driveway and didn't believe omitting the headwall would be an issue; Mike acknowledged that the location of the headwall would likely have a negative impact on the wetland.

Hearing closed at 7:30 PM.

Decision:

Amy moved to allow a redline change to the plan without requiring additional permitting. Peter seconded and the roll call was unanimous. Jim Colman - Aye, Amy Green- Aye, Zywia Chadzynska- Aye, Peter Hocknell-Aye.

7:32 **Notice of Intent: 7 Horseshoe Drive; DEP 85-13xx**

Jim Coleman opened the hearing at 7:32. Presenting for the applicant was Carolyn Gross from BSC Group. Carolyn explained that a gas line would be installed off the main line which runs underneath Horseshoe Drive, to the house. Due to the conditions of the driveway, the line would run partially underneath the driveway and where necessary would run underneath the ground adjacent to the north end of the driveway. Installation of the gas line would occur within the Buffer Zone and Bordering Vegetated Wetland, which exists on either side of the driveway. Zywia asked if the gas line would be installed partially on the property of 5 Horseshoe Drive. Carolyn answered that it would, and there was an easement in place. The residents of 5 Horseshoe Drive were in attendance and



stated that they were okay with the installation of the gas line on their property and would be willing to widen the easement if necessary. There was deliberation on how this should be handled and if the easement needed to be recorded. Amy stated that an Order of Conditions may need to be issued to both properties. Zywia requested that a site walk be conducted. Mike and Carolyn agreed that they would set up a site walk. In addition, Peter pointed out that we have not received a DEP file number for the Notice of Intent for 7 Horseshoe Drive, so the hearing would need to be continued anyways; the applicant agreed. Hearing no other questions, the vice chairman stated that the hearing would be continued to August 3rd.

7:45 Scott Smyers of Oxbow Associates – Jenks Poison Ivy

Scott Smyers a resident of Central Street, expressed concerns about an abundance of poison ivy at Jenks Conservation Land. Scott mentioned that the poison ivy was significant enough that it is deterring people from wanting to visit the conservation land. Scott was given approval from the Conservation Commission last year to spray Triclopyr at the same site. He believes it was applied too late in the season to be effective. Scott requested permission from the Commission to spray Triclopyr again this year but do it earlier in order to maximize results. Zywia asked Scott to clarify if he would be spraying other conservation lands; he confirmed that he would be spraying only one application at Jenks.

Decision:

The Commission unanimously decided to allow Scott to spray Triclopyr at Jenks Conservation Land. A report was requested to be sent to the Commission to outline the results of the work. Scott agreed to put together a 2-year report outlining the work done this year and last.

Consent Items

Certificate of Compliance: 125 Nagog Park; Acton Bylaw 75-62

Amy moves to issue a complete COC, Peter seconded and the roll call was unanimous. Jim Colman - Aye, Amy Green- Aye, Zywia Chadzynska- Aye, Peter Hocknell-Aye.

Minutes of June 15, 2022

Amy moves to approve the minutes of June 15, Peter seconded and the roll call was unanimous. Jim Colman - Aye, Amy Green- Aye, Zywia Chadzynska- Aye, Peter Hocknell-Aye.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Documents and exhibits used at this meeting:

Documents prepared for 96 Newtown Road DEP 85-1273
Notice of Intent filing for 7 Horseshoe Drive DEP 85-13xx
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All documents can be found at: <http://doc.acton-ma.gov/dsweb/View/Collection-15363>